

IN THE CLAIMS:

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and a clean version of all pending claims are attached at the end of this document.

- SubE₁ >
- D1
4. (Three Times Amended) A kit for diagnosing an autoimmune disease, the kit comprising:
- a first antigen comprising a human HMG-1 polypeptide, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence homology of 90% or more with human HMG-1 indicated by SEQ ID NO:1, or a fragment thereof which reacts with an antibody from an autoimmune disease patient;
 - a second antigen comprising a human HMG-2 polypeptide, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence homology of 80% or more with human HMG-2 indicated by SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment thereof which reacts with an antibody from an autoimmune disease patient;
 - a first component for detecting a first antigen-antibody complex; and
 - a second component for detecting a second antigen-antibody complex; wherein the autoimmune disease is selected from the group consisting of rheumatoid arthritis, human systemic lupus erythematosus, Sjögren's syndrome, Behçet's disease, primary biliary cirrhosis, microscopic polyangitis/polyarteritis nodosa, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease and autoimmune hepatitis.

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- D2
14. (Amended) A diagnostic drug for detecting an antibody of autoimmune diseases, wherein: the drug comprises:
- a human HMG-1 polypeptide, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence homology of 90% or more with human HMG-1 indicated by SEQ ID NO:1, or a fragment thereof which reacts with an antibody from an autoimmune disease patient; or
 - a human HMG-2 polypeptide, a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence homology of 80% or more with human HMG-2 indicated by SEQ ID NO:2, or a fragment thereof which reacts with an antibody from an autoimmune disease patient;
- the drug reacts with an antibody of an autoimmune disease patient; and